



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 594**

LCO No. 4414



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF CATS AND DOGS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any contract entered  
2 into on or after October 1, 2019, that is described in subdivision (1) or  
3 (2) of this subsection shall be deemed void: (1) A contract to transfer  
4 ownership of a dog or cat that is contingent upon the making of  
5 payments over a period of time by one party subsequent to the transfer  
6 of possession of such dog or cat to such party, and (2) any contract for  
7 the lease of a dog or cat that provides for or offers the option of the  
8 transfer of ownership of such dog or cat at the end of such lease. The  
9 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be deemed to  
10 apply to any payment to repay an unsecured loan for the purchase of  
11 any dog or cat.

12 (b) In addition to any other remedy provided under state or federal  
13 law, any person who takes possession of a dog or cat that is transferred  
14 pursuant to a contract described in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection  
15 (a) of this section shall be deemed the owner of such dog or cat and  
16 shall be entitled to the return of all amounts said person paid pursuant

17 to such contract.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To promote the humane treatment of pets in the state and prevent unfair consumer contracts for the purchase or lease of a cat or dog.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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